

HARRIMAN LINES PLAN EXPENDITURE OF \$75,000,000

Union and Southern Pacific and Other Roads to Be Double-Track.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Union and Southern Pacific Railroads, held in this city today, it was decided to complete the double-tracking of the line from the Missouri River to San Francisco.

It was also voted to double track the Oregon Short Line from the junction with the Union Pacific main line at Oranger, Wyo., to Huntington, Ore.

In making the announcement this afternoon former Judge R. S. Lovett said the total cost of the new work would amount to more than \$75,000,000.

Double Track Necessary. Judge R. S. Lovett, in announcing the improvements, said today: "Experience with the growth of the system's business during the last two years has demonstrated that a continuous double-track railroad from the Mississippi Ocean to the Missouri River, connecting with the Eastern systems, is not only necessary, but imperative."

Anticipate No Setback. "Of course it is true that unfavorable conditions become permanent public opinion and we find ourselves unable to secure our security holders of a fair return and the safety of their investment, we can not expect any, indeed, could not ask money to continue the work."

Plans for the construction of a number of extensions and new lines tributary to the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific in the West and Northwest, which have been for some time under construction, were approved today, the expenditures therefor to extend over a period of six years.

LOWER PULLMAN RATES GO INTO EFFECT TO-NIGHT

Company Reduces Prices of Upper Berths 20 Per cent.—Under Slightly Cut.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Reductions in the price of sleeping car berths become effective at midnight to-night. Tariffs have been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Pullman Company, by which the rates throughout the country, on upper berths have been reduced approximately 20 per cent.

In a general way the reductions do not affect the prices of lower berths, although in certain sections the cost of these has been reduced in accordance with the views of the Commission as to particular cases.

For instance, the rates on lower berths from St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., to Seattle and other points in Washington have been reduced slightly, and in line with those reductions the Pullman Company has made reductions on long journeys in the West and Northwest.

The rates are effective throughout the United States on the lines of which cars of the Pullman Company are operated.

MACHINE SCALPS GIRL IN THE CENSUS BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A panic among the clerks of the Census Bureau occurred late this afternoon when Alice Houghton was literally scalped by a tabulating machine which she was operating.

This Girl of 14 Wins Gold Star as Best Pupil of Year in City Schools.

Rose Sigal, Fourteen, Only Seven Years from Russia, Has Best General Average of All the January Graduates.

Wants to Be a Teacher When She Grows Up and Specialize on Mathematics—Won't Marry 'Till She's Very Old—Twenty-five or So."



ROSE SIGAL

By Ethel Lloyd Patterson. A gold star, with her name, "Rose Sigal," marvelously engraved upon it, is fastened at her throat. Proudly when she goes to sleep to-night the gold star will be under her pillow.

On a little girl's graduation dress, sparkling in the most fascinating manner, it means neither more nor less than that that particular little girl has attained the highest general average of any January graduate of the New York public schools. Do you wonder that when I saw Rose I had a hard time deciding which was the brighter, her eyes or the star?

Then Rose Grew Chatty. "Now, Rose," I said, when we were on the street, "tell me the facts of the case."



ROSE SIGAL

"I am fourteen years old," began Rose. "And I have been in this country seven years. We came—our family—from Russia. But we didn't come to escape persecution. One of the papers had a little piece in it about me—a girl in school showed it to me, and it told our family was persecuted in Russia. Now, that is a lie—excuse me, I mean that it is not true. We just came here because my father wanted to go into business in this country. He has a laundry on Amsterdam avenue, and it is his own laundry, too. He does not work for anybody. One of the papers said that, too—that my father works in a laundry. That is another—excuse me, I mean he does not work in any laundry, he owns one."

"Which makes all the difference in the world," I agreed, "but tell me how you came to speak English so perfectly in so short a time?" "Well, we always lived where every one around us spoke English," Rose explained. "We never since we came to America lived where there were other Russian—excuse me, but besides, I like languages. I liked to study English. But best of all, I like mathematics. I just love arithmetic and algebra. I do everything in my head by algebra. You know, I received 100 per cent. in mathematics. If I could only teach one subject when I grow up I would choose to teach mathematics."

"And you would really like to be a teacher?" I repeated. "Yes, I would," Rose replied, firmly.

"Sometimes, when some of the girls cannot understand things, teacher lets me explain to them. I just take them over in the corner and explain till they have to understand. I do not mind people being stupid, either. I feel sorry for them. That is, I feel sorry unless they want to be stupid and will not try to learn. I do not understand that myself. I mean, people not wanting to know things. I just love to go to school, and I am glad I am in America and not Russia."

Couldn't Learn in Russia. "Why? Are the schools better here?" I asked. "My! I should say so!" exclaimed Rose. "It is very hard for girls to obtain an education in Russia. The boys go to school because their parents think they have to have some education to go out in the world and earn money. But the girls do not have any chance to earn their living in any way when they require education. You see, there are no free schools in Russia, so the poor people save their money and let the boys go to school and the girls stay at home."

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